

FEDERAL MARITIME NAVIGATION PROGRAMS: INTERAGENCY COOPERATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation; and Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, held a joint hearing entitled “Federal Maritime Navigation Programs: Interagency Cooperation and Technological Change”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Paul F. Thomas, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Shephard Smith, Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and Edward E. Belk, Jr., Chief, Operations and Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

BUSINESS MEETING; FROM TUMULT TO TRANSFORMATION: THE COMMISSION ON CARE AND THE FUTURE OF THE VA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a business meeting on possible motions to subpoena information from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and hearing entitled “From Tumult to Transformation: The Commission on Care and the Future of the VA Healthcare System”. Testimony was heard from Nancy Schlichting, Chairperson, Commission on Care; and Delos M. (Toby) Cosgrove, M.D., Vice Chairperson, Commission on Care.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: AN OVERVIEW OF THE CHALLENGES AND STRENGTHS OF TODAY'S SYSTEM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Unemployment Insurance: An Overview of the Challenges and Strengths of Today's System”. Testimony was heard from Cissy Proctor, Executive Director, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; Michelle Beebe, Director, Unemployment Insurance, Utah Department of Workforce Services; and public witnesses.

THE EVOLUTION OF QUALITY IN MEDICARE PART A

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Evolution of Quality in Medicare Part A”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Pakistan, focusing on challenges for United States interests, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine reviewing independent agency rulemaking, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2763, to provide the victims of Holocaust-era persecution and their heirs a fair opportunity to recover works of art confiscated or misappropriated by the Nazis, S. 3155, to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title, S. 3270, to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases, and the nominations of Danny C. Reeves, of Kentucky, and Charles R. Breyer, of California, both to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, Kathleen Marie Sweet, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and Florence Y. Pan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Views on H.R. 4298: Vietnam Helicopter Crew Memorial Act and H.R. 5458: Veteran's TRICARE Choice Act”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Improve Public Health”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Rural Call Quality and Reliability”, 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Fueling Terror: The Dangers of Ransom Payments to Iran”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Reforming the National Security Council: Efficiency and Accountability”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and the Subcommittee on Energy of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, joint hearing entitled “Eastern Mediterranean Energy: Challenges and Opportunities for U.S. Regional Priorities”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Asia's Growing Hunger for Energy: U.S. Policy and Supply Opportunities”, 3 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “State and Local Perspectives on Federal Information Sharing”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3438, the “Require Evaluation before Implementing Executive Wishlists Act of 2015”, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3764, the “Tribal Recognition Act of 2015”; H.R. 4564, the “Robert Emmet Park Act of 2016”; H.R. 5032, to allow certain property in the town of Louisa, Virginia, to be used for purposes related to compliance with water quality standards, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5259, the “Certainty for States and Tribes Act” (continued), 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining FOIA Compliance at the Department of State”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access, hearing entitled “Strug-

gling to Grow: Assessing the Challenges for Small Businesses in Rural America”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a demonstration program to provide integrated care for Medicare beneficiaries with end-stage renal disease, and for other purposes; and H.R. 954, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt from the individual mandate certain individuals who had coverage under a terminated qualified health plan funded through the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) program, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine Federal debt, focusing on direction, drivers, and dangers, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Conference: meeting of conferees on S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.